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SUBJECT: BELIZE

1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE ON OTHER SUBJECTS, PRESIDENT LAUGERUD EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BRITISH ON BELIZE, AND THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST ROUND OF TALKS IN NEW YORK AUGUST 3-5. HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT A FAVORABLE OUTCOME TO THE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE REACHED, BUT SAID THAT THE TWO PRINCIPAL BARRIERS WERE PREMIER PRICE OF BELIZE AND THE MLN PARTY HERE IN GUATEMALA. HE SAID THAT THE MLN IN GENERAL, AND ITS LEADER, VICE PRESIDENT MARIO SANDOVAL ALARCON IN PARTICULAR, WERE IN FAVOR OF A FORCEFUL OR VIOLENT SOLUTION TO THE BELIZE QUESTION AND WERE CONSTANTLY SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES TO UNDERCUT AND EMBARRASS HIM ON THE BELIZE NEGOTIATIONS. HE CONTINUED THAT THIS MADE
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HIS POSITION DIFFICULT, SINCE THERE WERE MANY HAWKS

AMONG THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT WHOM HE
HAD TO KEEP IN LINE. NONETHELESS, HE EXPRESSED
CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM THAT THE BELIZE DISPUTE COULD BE
SOLVED.
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